

## LESLIE THE LADYBUG

Ladybugs are usually beautiful and clean bugs, surely the prettiest bugs there are. All the ladybugs were pretty in Ladybug Land--[except/ chase/ tricks] one: Leslie. She was the disgrace [can/ jar/ of] the colony for many reasons. [We/ Cat/ It] was not the things that she did. [It/ Rat/ Do] was, rather, the things she didn't [was/ in/ do].

Leslie was the daughter of Nell, [man/ year/ the] most beautiful ladybug in the land. Leslie [cap/ was/ use] an only child. Nell spoiled her [rotten/ tundra/ collar]. Leslie would not mind anyone. She [three/ never/ asks] listened to reason. When her mother would [rain/ ask/ wade] her to do something, Leslie would [before/ there/ refuse] to do it simply to be [home/ very/ mean]. That was how all this mess started.

Nell [asked/ note/ sell] Leslie to try to take good [your/ that/ care] of herself. Just to be mean, Leslie [people/ stuck/ some] her nose in the air and refused [try/ cat/ to] bathe, brush her teeth, or wash [four/ say/ her] hair. Leslie grew to be horribly [miss/ ugly/ from] and the more that Nell begged [put/ her/ into], the more Leslie refused to obey.

Leslie [deer/ were/ just] pretended not to care and spent [bed/ soda/ her] days sleeping in the sunlight. One [glad/ day/ nine] a handsome prince came by and [asked/ home/ free] Leslie for some water.

"Old woman," [he/ sat/ cot] said, "please give me water for [chats/ myself/

taken] and for my horse." Leslie did [of/ the/ as] she was told, angry that he thought [open/ her/ use] an old woman. He was so magnificent [block/ knew/ that] Leslie was embarrassed by the way [hole/ town/ she] looked. "I will be on my [is/ may/ dot], old woman, and I will be [air/ back/ seat] in a week on my return [to/ off/ sit] the castle. I will stop here [for/ is/ die] water again." The prince rode off.

Leslie [game/ ran/ wet] inside. She wanted to look beautiful [the/ and/ good] asked Nell to help since Leslie [had/ need/ care] not bathed in so long. They started [offer/ with/ goat] her hair. Nell used a [rake/ every/ night] to comb through it as birds [bee/ and/ fit] small animals flew out. Then Leslie decided [to/ my/ in] take her first bath. She sat [be/ in/ no] the warm water and cried because [she/ in/ off] thought her skin was peeling off.

"It's [fat/ said/ only] dirt!" said Nell as she scrubbed Leslie. Leslie [picked/ cakes/ fishy] up a bar of soap and [bit/ golf/ was] into it. Then she spit it [sit/ out/ gain] and said, "This candy bar tastes horrible!" Nell [leaf/ told/ come] her it was just soap. Then [take/ safe/ they] had to cut her hair. "Don't [hike/ cut/ dove] it! It will bleed everywhere," [was/ said/ this] Leslie. Her mom laughed and cut [yet/ not/ it] anyway. By the time Nell was finished, Leslie [all/ was/ you] the most beautiful ladybug in the [day/ land/ every].

When the prince came back, he [did/ stem/ long] not recognize her. After Leslie convinced [hope/ him/ kid] that she had been that "old woman," [rate/ you/ the] prince wanted to marry her, and [lot/ he/ fit] carried her away to his castle.